



## **Newsletter – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

If I have not seen you around school this month – Happy New Year! I hope 2019 is going well for you so far. It has been business as usual for us at both Darlington Street and at Lancaster Avenue as children made a great start to their learning upon their return. The first week at school ended with a visit from The Mayor of Wigan Borough, Councillor Sue Greensmith. It was fascinating to hear as she explained her role to the children and answered questions during Celebration Worship. She then presented our weekly certificates to the children before being a 'guest reader' for Y5/6NC in our library. We are hoping to see the Mayor again in our school this year as part of our 20 year celebrations.



**Our School App** – To ensure that you don't miss out on any key events over the course of the school year, on your mobile phone you can download 'Our School App' (the green logo on the left) and search for St. George's Central. You will be able to save our school as your home page and this will provide you with quick links to our school website, Facebook page, my Twitter account and other key information. A great feature of this App is that we can add dates of all the key events taking place in school which will 'sync' to your phone calendar and you will receive reminders.

**PTFA** – Many thanks to everyone who came to our recent Parents, Teachers and Friends Association meeting. It was great to see people come forward to volunteer, with ideas to help our school so that we can work together to continue to provide so many opportunities for our children. As a result of our meeting, we have an **Easter Bingo evening** planned for **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 6:30pm** in our school hall. We also have a second meeting planned for **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 6:30pm at The Gatehouse** where we hope to plan further events for the summer term.



**Open afternoon and Stay and Play sessions** – Earlier this week, we held our open afternoon with headteacher forum at our Darlington Street site for Nursery, Reception and KS1 parents/carers. The next one of these will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March (1:30pm – 3:00pm)** and will be for **KS2 parents/carers only**. You are invited to spend the first part of the afternoon in your child's class and the second part of the afternoon you are welcomed into the school hall or library to enjoy some refreshments where there is the opportunity to ask me questions about school life. It's quite an informal afternoon and provides you with the opportunity to gain an insight into life at our school. Stay and Play sessions at Lancaster Avenue Nursery will be on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1pm – 3pm** and **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 9am – 11am**. Stay and Play sessions for our Darlington Street Nursery will be on the Spring Term (2<sup>nd</sup> half) dates letter, which will be emailed to you on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

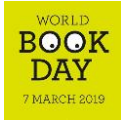
**Hinning House** – Over the next few weeks, Year 5 children will be spending a week at Hinning House in the Lake District. Next week will see 7 boys from St. George's Central join up with 11 children from St. Philip's and on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 24 Y5 children from St. George's Central will then spend a week at the outdoor centre. The children will be accompanied by staff from school and will spend the week orienteering, canoeing, kayaking as well as many other outdoor and adventurous activities. I am sure they will have a great time away from home, experiencing all these different activities.



**Chinese New Year** – Celebrations for this in school will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February as the Year of the Pig commences. Each class will undertake a variety of activities throughout the day, with Mr Simmons leading a 'sharing' assembly in the school hall at 2:30pm, where each class will be able to showcase the great work they have completed during the day. Children can bring in any resources from home to support this on the day, for example: clothing etc. At Lancaster Avenue, children will be celebrating Chinese New Year throughout the week.

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**Parents/carers workshops** – Our Safer Internet Use: E-Safety Workshop, aimed at **all parents/carers**, will be led by Mr Simmons on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**, 9:00am – 10:15am or 5:30pm – 6:15pm. On **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**, Miss Booth will be leading a workshop for **Reception parent/carers** about Early Learning Goals at 9:00am – 10:00am or 5:00pm – 6:00pm. Please select which session time suits you best when you receive any letters sent home about these workshops.



**World Book Day** – This is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. As in previous years, we would like the children at school and Lancaster Avenue Nursery to bring their favourite book to school/nursery to share and to also **dress up as a character from a book**. Classes have planned lots of different reading activities to take place throughout the day.



**Leigh Harriers Cross Country** – Children from St. George's Central recently gave up their Saturday morning to support our school in the fourth 'Graham Jackett Cross Country Challenge'. The 22 St. George's Central children competed against children from ten other schools over a tough course. Our Y3/4 girls team won their category and the combined girls score (Y3/4 and Y5/6) was good enough for them to clinch the overall title. Thanks to all our children who took part in this event.



**KS1 Sportshall athletics** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January saw the KS1 athletics team take part in different events against other local schools. Well done to Maisie Atkinson, Michael Barnett, Zara Bibey, Corynne Beca, Mikey Ferris, Jayden Jones, Nadia Lawal, Tommy Murray, Alissia Meskell, Freddie Newton, George Wild and Luiza Zgierun who made up the KS1 team.

**ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision: February half term**



Letters are being sent home today to children in **Y2 – Y6** for the February ATSA All Sports Holiday Provision. This took place for the first time during October half term and saw our children join with other schools to take part in a varied programme of sporting activities.

The February programme is slightly different:

\*Y2 children can attend all days (apart from the swimming on the Wednesday);

\*There is a dance day on offer;

\*The athletics day will be led by a British Olympic coach *and*

\*Two of the day will take place at Hindsford CE Primary School

Children can sign up for different days for £3 a day (with lunch included)! See the letter for further details.

**Before the next newsletter, children from St. George's Central will be taking part in:**

- \*\* KS1 Kurling festival \*\*
- \*\*Y3/4 Quicksticks (hockey)\*\*
- \*\*Mixed football league\*\*
- \*\*First Aid for Sport\*\*
- \*\*Y2 & Y3 Football Festival at MUFC\*\*

2019/2020 term time dates are attached to this email and Spring term (2<sup>nd</sup> half dates) letter will be sent home on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, when we break for half term. The next newsletter will be sent out on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Have a great month with your family.

Mr M Grogan – Headteacher

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